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1. THERE IS NO RPT NO LOCAL PUMP PRODUCTION. TOTAL IMPORTA-  
TION IN 1974 OF -LIQUID MOTOR PUMPS- (BTN 84-10-41, 51 AND 61)  
VALUED AT DOLS 1. 1 MILLION., PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS VALUED AT  
DOLS 100,000., AND TURBO PUMPS VALUED AT DOLS 583,000.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF SEMRY RICE PROJECT, THERE  
IS VIRTUALLY NO RPT NO IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE IN CAMEROON.  
THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF LARGE-SCALE AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION  
IN NORTH FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF NASCENT CHINESE DAM PROJECT  
SOME YEARS HENCE, BUT PROJECTS INCLUDING VEGETABLE GROWING  
AND SUGAR CANE NOT RPT NOT YET WELL DEFINED.

3. MOST POPULAR PUMPS ARE SMALL 3-5 HORSEPOWER MODELS  
MAINLY USED FOR SHALLOW HOUSEHOLD WELLS. LITTLE IMMEDIATE  
MARKET FORESEEN FOR DEEP-WELL DRILLING MORE ARID AREAS OF  
COUNTRY. IBRD AND WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY DONE A STUDY ON COUNTRYS  
NEEDS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE AND GURC FAVORS SEWERAGE AND STORM  
DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN CITIES OF YAOUNDE, DOUALA, MAROUA AND  
VICTORIA BUT NO RPT NO IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDY YET KNOWN.

4. GERMAN FIRM OF KLOCKNER WELL INTO CONSTRUCTION OF 85,000  
METRIC TON AMMONIA AND PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER FACTORY IN DOUALA.  
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LARGE SCALE WOOD PULP MILL SCHEDULED TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY

AUSTRIAN VOEST-ALPINE GROUP IN EDEA. NO RPT NO OTHER LARGE UTILIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS IMMEDIATELY KNOWN IN THIS MARKET.

5. MINING ACTIVITY MINIMAL WITH TWO LIMESTONE MINES PRODUCING 49,000 METRIC TONS AND ONE MARBLE MINE PRODUCING 1,200 METRIC TONS PER YEAR. NO RPT NO LARGE-SCALE MINING IMMINENT.

6. HIGHWAY AND RAILBED RECONSTRUCTION WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE FAIRLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF GRAVEL BUT DOUBTFUL IF PRESENT FACILITIES WILL BE GREATLY EXPANDED.

7. THREE OIL RIGS PRESENTLY DRILLING ON AND OFFSHORE BUT DISAPPOINTING RESULTS ARE LIKELY TO REDUCE THIS ACTIVITY TO ONE RIG FAIRLY SHORTLY.

8. EMBASSY FORESEES PUMP AND DRILL MARKET AS STABLE ONE LIKELY TO GROW ONLY SLOWLY FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO LARGER INDUSTRIAL AND HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS, LITTLE LARGE-SCALE MACHINERY WILL PROBABLY BE IMPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY. AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION AND LARGER-SCALE MINING ONLY IN MORE DISTANT FUTURE AND NO RPT NO PRECISE PLANS PRESENTLY EXIST TO EXPLOIT EITHER. VISIT OF MARKET RESEARCH MANAGER WOULD ONLY BE PRACTICAL TO SEEK LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR OF SMALLER PUMPS, OF WHICH A NUMBER ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED.  
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